

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Suspension or Revocation)
)
of the Educator Certificate of)
)
William Jack Dimond,)
)
Certificate 069852)

**ORDER OF
PUBLIC REPRIMAND**

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on November 9, 2005. On September 26, 2005, the State Department of Education (Department) sent a notice of hearing regarding a possible certificate suspension to William Jack Dimond by certified mail, return receipt requested, delivery restricted to addressee. Mr. Dimond received the notice, as evidenced by the signed postal receipt bearing his signature. Mr. Dimond did not request a hearing during the period specified by the notice letter. After considering the information presented, the State Board voted to issue a public reprimand to Mr. Dimond.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Mr. Dimond holds a valid South Carolina certificate and has over thirty-four years of teaching experience. During the 2002-2003 school year, Mr. Dimond was the District Test Coordinator for Hampton County School District Two, as well as the Director of Finance. During the administration of the December 2003 end-of-course exams, Mr. Dimond was responsible for securing and returning exam booklets to the contractor. Mr. Dimond did not return all of the exam booklets until after the due date. Additionally, sixteen exam booklets were missing from the materials returned to the contractor. The District was able to locate fifteen of the missing booklets but one booklet remains unaccounted for.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

"The State Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person." Just cause includes unprofessional conduct and test security violations. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2004); S. C. Code Ann. §59-1-445 (2204); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regulation 43-58. The Board finds that the evidence presented supports its conclusion that just cause exists to issue a Public Reprimand to Mr. Dimond. Notice of the public reprimand is to be sent to all school districts in South Carolina.

South Carolina State Board of Education

/S/ Paul M. Forrester

Paul M. Forrester, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina

November 9, 2005